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April 22, 1983

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RE: Permit History and Reclamation
Stabilization Requested for the
Mi Vida Mine
ACT/037/028
San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Nielson:

The members of the Division staff and I wish to thank you for your informative tour of the mine site and for discussing the history of Minerals West's involvement. The review being complete, it is now necessary to make some additional requests. As you are aware, no final approval has been issued for the operation. This appears to be due to the lacking of proper documents in our office. Somewhere between April 28, 1980 and now the first five pages of the Escrow Agreement have been misplaced. As far as I can see, they were last sent to Elwood Lovell at the First Security Bank of Monticello. Final page 6 has been found in our file, signed and notarized. Could you see if these missing documents are available somewhere and forward a copy to the Division if you find them? Additional copies of the blank forms are enclosed if you are not able to locate them. Please remember that the Division needs the original copy.

Also enclosed you will find a copy of the September 14, 1978 letter from the Division stating the policy for reclamation of predisturbed facilities. As determined by the most recent inspection held onsite April 7, 1983 responsibility for certain areas remains with Minerals West, Inc.:

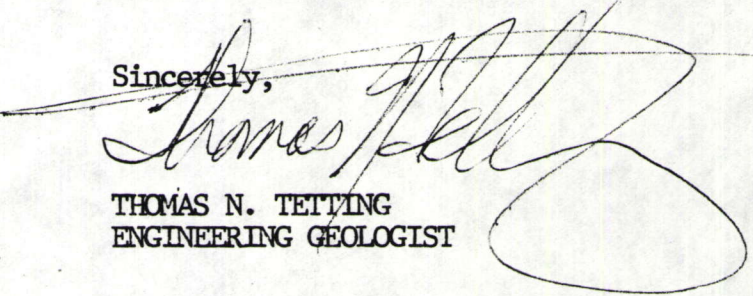
1. The ventilation shaft on the old mine site proper needs to be fenced and posted with a warning sign to prevent possible hazards as we discussed.
2. The large caved drill hole above the decline on the same site should be filled with waste rock material and a 6" layer of topsoil placed over it, if possible.

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These are the only remaining measures necessary for interim reclamation or stabilization of the minesite. (It should be noted however that the Expectation site was not visited.) Please submit a letter to this office when the work has been completed. It is expected that this will be finished prior to reactivation of the mine or by the end of July, which ever comes first. It seems fortunate that the waste piles have maintained their stability as well as they have and will not require additional stabilization measures.

Final approval of the operation will again be delayed until the Division is in possession of the surety forms. I hope we may both work together to bring the matter to fruition. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



THOMAS N. TETTING
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

Attachments

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